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In re application of:

Akira TSUKIHASHI

Serial No: 09/476,862

Filed: January 3, 2000

For: DATA PROCESSING CIRCUIT FOR
TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING DATA
RECORDING ONTO A DISK (Amended)

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Examiner: G. Patel

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 1, 2002, please enter and
consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance
in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In paragraph 4 which begins on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-12 are
rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,436,875
of Shinada in view of newly cited U.S. Patent 5,434,997 of Landry. Paragraphs 5-
14, on pages 3-5 of the Office Action, attempt to point out the manner in which
Shinada meets the specific language of claims 2-12. These rejections are
respectfully traversed.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

A Notice Of Change Of Attorney's Address and Associate Power Of Attorney is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,
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